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SUBJ: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY - SEPTEMBER 8, 1976

1. HIGHLIGHTS OF SOVIET PRESS, SEPTEMBER 8:

-- U.S. TREATMENT TODAY MODERATE IN AMOUNT, NASTY IN
TONE FOCUSING ON RFE/RL, CIA "BRAINWASHING TECHNIQUES"
AND PENTAGON DRUG EXPERIMENTS OF LATE 1950S;
-- ON POLAND, PRAVDA'S TASS ACCOUNT FROM WARSAW OF
GIEREK'S RZESZOW SPEECH IS UNCOMMONLY FRANK, BY SOVIET
STANDARDS, ON DETAIL: GIEREK PROMISED TO CONTINUE
STRATEGY ADOPTED AT BEGINNING OF 1971, WAS GRATEFUL FOR
FUEL AND RAW MATERIALS IMPORTS FROM USSR, SAID UPCOMING
PLENUM WILL DISCUSS MARKET SUPPLIES AND PRICES, SAID
"PATH OF GRADUAL SOLUTION OF PRICE PROBLEM" IS DIFFICULT,
AND CALLED FOR MORE QUALITY PRODUCTS AND MORE SOCIAL DISCIPLINE;
-- ON "SOCIALIST COMMUNITY" PRAVDA LEAD EDITORIAL
IS REMARKABLE ONLY FOR CALLING BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL
MEETINGS OF PARTY LEADERS "THE CENTRAL LINK" IN SYSTEM
AND MENTION OF WP POLITICAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
(QUIESCENT SINCE 1974) AND ITS "SIGNIFICANT INITIATIVES;"
REPORT ON SHCHIT -76 MANEUVER IN POLAND ALSO CITES PCC
AS WP ACHIEVEMENT;
-- IZVESTIYA AND KZ HAVE GIVEN ONE DAY ADVANCE
NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF WARSAW PACT MANEUVER "SHCHIT-76"
SCHEDULED FOR 9-16 SEPTEMBER. STRESSING PEACEFUL AND
DEFENSIVE NATURE OF WP AND UPCOMING "EXERCISE," STORY
GIVES SOME DETAILS ON LOCATION (BYDGOSZCZ, SZCZECIN AND
WROCLAW AREAS OF POLAND), SIZE (35 THOUSAND MEN) AND
PARTICIPANTS (POLES, CZECHS, GERMANS, AND RUSSIANS);
-- PRAVDA HAS TASS STORY FROM BONN WHICH DRAWS
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SHARP CONTRAST BETWEEN POSITIVE SPD EASTERN POLICY UNDER
SCHMIDT AND CDU/CSU UNDER STRAUSS WHICH COURTS THE EXTREME
RIGHTISTS AND CALLS INTO DOUBT THE AGREEMENTS AND TREATIES
WITH THE USSR AND EASTERN EUROPE. SINCE STORY NOTES THAT
EASTERN POLICY IS AT CENTER OF ELECTION STRUGGLE BETWEEN
TWO POLITICAL GROUPINGS, IT LEAVES NO DOUBT WHICH SIDE IS
PREFERRED;
-- PRAVDA REPORTS FROM PARIS ON PLENUM OF CC-PCF AND

CITES MARCHAIS' CRITICISM OF GOF FOREIGN AND MILITARY POLICIES, IN PARTICULAR, DANGER THAT FRENCH FORCES AND PLUTON COMPLEXES WOULD COME UNDER BUNDESWEHR CONTROL ON INTRA-GERMAN BORDER.

THIS IS SECOND STRAIGHT DAY PRAVDA HAS CARRIED CRITICISM OF FRENCH MILITARY POLICY; YESTERDAY IT WAS FOR PARTICIPATING IN NATO NAVAL-AIR EXERCISES IN ATLANTIC AND NORTH SEA;

-- IZVESTIYA ANNOUNCES GROMYKO VISIT TO BRUSSELS IN EARLY OCTOBER;

-- PRAVDA CARRIES LENGTHY, AUTHORITATIVE "OBSERVER" ARTICLE ON LEBANON WHICH DISCUSSES IN A REASONABLY DISPASSIONATE WAY BACKGROUND OF EVENTS, NEGATIVE EFFECT OF SYRIAN INTERVENTION ON PALESTINIANS AND CURRENT POLITICAL MANEUVERING IN LEBANON. "ONLY" WAY OUT, SAYS OBSERVER, IS A "POLITICAL SOLUTION ON BASIS OF A REASONABLE COMMITMENT." TO CONTINUE ATTEMPTS TO FRUSTRATE RIGHTS OF PALESTINIANS OR LEGITIMATE DEMANDS OF LEBANESE NATIONAL-PATRIOTIC FORCES, SAYS ARTICLE, MIGHT LEAD ONLY TO FURTHER BLOODSHED AS WELL AS AUTOMATIC REJECTION OF PEACEFUL PROPOSALS BY SOME "ULTRA-LEFT" ELEMENTS IN PALESTINIAN MOVEMENT AND FRONT OF PATRIOTIC FORCES (SEPTTEL);

-- IZVESTIYA LEBANESE COVERAGE (TASS) COMES DOWN RATHER HARD ON U.S. ARTICLE SPEAKS OF LEBANESE REACTION RELYING ON "MILITARY ASSISTANCE OF ISRAEL AND DIPLOMATIC SUPPORT OF USA." DECISION OF COUNCIL OF ARAB LEAGUE TO HOLD SUMMIT IN SECOND HALF OF OCTOBER "PROVOKED ACTIVIZATION OF SUBVERSIVE (PODRYVNAYA) ACTIVITY OF AMERICAN DIPLOMACY." ARTICLE CITES LEBANESE PLO LEADER ABU SALEH INTERVIEW WITH "HUMANITE" IN WHICH HE DESCRIBES U.S. PRESSURE ON ARAB LEAGUE AND PLANS OF U.S. "IF NOT TO DESTROY PALESTINIAN RESISTANCE, THEN, IN ANY CASE, SIGNIFICANTLY TO WEAKEN IT;"

-- BOTH IZVESTIYA AND KZ CARRY REMARKS FROM LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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QADHAFI'S "ROSE EL YOUSSEF" INTERVIEW IN WHICH HE ACCUSED EGYPTIAN PRESS OF BEING "MOUTHPIECE FOR AMERICA."

QADHAFI IS ALSO CITED ON EGYPTIAN DEPLOYMENT AGAINST LIBYA OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT WHICH IT HAD EARLIER OBTAINED FROM LIBYA. QADHAFI REPORTEDLY "EMPHASIZED" THAT LIBYA WAS NOT PLANNING TO FIGHT EGYPT OR ANY OTHER ARAB STATE;

-- KZ HAS TASS CAIRO PIECE ON PAST AND PRESENT ANTI-SOVIET ATTITUDE OF "AL-AKHBAR" -- A NEWSPAPER WHICH "REFLECTS MODD OF A CERTAIN PORTION OF RULING CIRCLES."

-- PRAVDA "COMMENTATOR'S COLUMN" BY NIKOLAI MIRONSHNIK CONTINUES THEME OF WEEKEND PRESS IN CELEBRATING "GREAT VICTORY" FOR LEFTIST FORCES IN CYPRUS AS RESULT OF RECENT ELECTIONS;

-- KZ PRINTS SHOR TASS DAR ES SALAAM REPORT OF

INTERVIEW WITH SWAPO LEADER NUJOMA. NUJOMA REPORTEDLY REJECTED IDEA OF "WESTERN PROPAGANDA" THAT SWAPO MIGHT INVITE FOREIGN TROOPS TO JOIN IN ITS LIBERATION STRUGGLE, BUT HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT SWAPO WAS TURNING TO ALL PROGRESSIVE STATES WITH CALL FOR FURTHER ASSISTANCE, PARTICULARLY FOR ARMS--"TO HASTEN THE ROUT OF THE ENEMY;"

-- ON KOREA, ALL CENTRAL NEWSPAPERS CARRY ARTICLES MARKING THE 28TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DPRK. NONE OF THE ITEMS MENTION THE RECENT INCIDENT, ALTHOUGH IZVESTIYA ENDORSES THE PRO-DPRK UN RESOLUTION WHICH MOSCOW IS CO-SPONSORING. KIM IL SUNG IS NOT MENTIONED BY NAME IN ANY OF THE ARTICLES. ALL MEDIA REPORT THAT FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO RECEIVED THE NEWLY-APPOINTED DPRK AMBASSADOR, KIM CHE BON PHON) ON SEPTEMBER 7;

-- ON CHINA, ALL CENTRAL NEWSPAPERS CARRY A BRIEF TASS ITEM REPORTING THAT THE PRC HAD AGAIN REFUSED A SOVIET REQUEST TO VISIT GRAVES IN SEVERAL AREAS OF CHINA. PRAVDA AND KZ ALSO NOTE THAT FORMER SECDEF SCHLESINGER HAD ARRIVED IN CHINA FOR A 17-DAY VISIT. THE TASS ITEM SAYS THAT "AMERICAN OFFICIALS ARE TRYING TO PORTRAY THIS VISIT AS UNOFFICIAL," EVEN THOUGHT SCHLESINGER MAY HAVE CONTACT WITH SOME CHINESE OFFICIALS AND MAY VISIT DISTANT PARTS OF THE COUNTRY;

-- PRAVDA REPORTS THAT CULTURE MINISTER DEMICHEV ARRIVED IN ULAN BATOR (NOT HANOI AS REPORTED YESTERDAY) FOR A MEETING OF "SOCIALIST COUNTRY" CULTURE MINISTERS.

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2. U.S. COVERAGE CONTINUES NASTY, BUT AT REDUCED VOLUME. HIGHT POINT IS TASS POLITICAL OBSERVER GONCHAROV'S IZVESTIYA ATTACK ON SECRETARY'S LETTER TO RFE AND RL, WHICH WOULD BE NORMAL, GONCHAROV WRITES, WITHOUT SCANDALOUS REFERENCE TO RADIOS' CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN IMPLEMENTING HELSINKI. LONG LITERATURNAYA GAZETA PIECE BY "HARRY FREEMAN" DRAWS ON CONGRESSIONAL SOURCES TO DETAIL CIA BRAINWASHING THROUGH CHEMISTRY, AND KZ, IN NY TASS ITEM, RETURNS FONDLY TO PENTAGON EXPERIMENTS ON HUMAN GUINEA PIGS WITH LSD AND OTHER CHEMICALS, SINCE THE 1950'S. PRAVDA CORRESPONDENT VASIL'YEV WORRIES ABOUT BEN CHAYVIS (PHON) AND OTHER POLITICALLY PERSECUTED PEOPLE IN SOUTH CAROLINA, A WORRY ALSO REFLECTED IN LITGAZ INTERVIEW WITH ANGELA DAVIS. PRAVDA ELECTION COVERAGE BY NEW YORK TASS HAS CANDIDATES BALANCED EXCEPT FOR SOUTH, AMID WIDESPREAD VOTER APATHY. ON BRIGHTER SIDE, PRAVDA HAS BEEN CARRYING UNUSUAL PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE OF VIKING -II.

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